

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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In the Matter of:

Glenwood, Alabama 36034
Post Office State ZIP Code

: POSTAL REGULATORY
: COMMISSION
: OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ADMIN. OFFICER
: Docket No: A2012-25

Dan Jackson, Petitioner(s)
Mayor, Town of Glenwood

Postal Regulatory Commission
Office of the Chief Admin. Officer

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PARTICIPANT STATEMENT

1. Petitioner(s) are appealing the Postal Service's Final Determination concerning the Glenwood post office. The Final Determination was posted Sept. 24, 2011 (date)

2. In accordance with applicable law, 39 U.S.C. § 404(d)(5), the Petitioner(s) request the Postal Regulatory Commission to review the Postal Service's determination on the basis of the record before the Postal Service in the making of the determination.

3. Petitioners: Please set out below the reasons why you believe the Postal Service's Final Determination should be reversed and returned to the Postal Service for further consideration. (See pages of the Instructions for an outline of the kinds of reasons the law requires us to consider.) Please be as specific as possible. Please continue on additional paper if you need more space and attach the additional page(s) to this form.

I am stating the position that the USPS is using bad figures when they stated the cost of continuing of the Glenwood Post Office would cost \$51,809 with no annual replacement service. This simply is not true. First let me say that they will have to put on another rural carrier to service 142 mail boxes and this employee will be on union scale plus benefits. They state we only generated \$24,000.00 in revenue and using their figure of \$51,000. to keep it open, I could see their argument. But this is not accurate, let me state a more accurate picture. First, the postal employee now serving Glenwood is an OIC....no benefits and only an hourly wages paid him. The monthly rent is less than \$300.00 per month with no upkeep, only utilities, no taxes, insurance or maintenance. There is great difference between their figures and reality. I stated in my appeal these figures found in "Exhibit B". 39 U.S.C. 404 says the USPS cannot close a post office for financial reasons.

Section 101 (b) of title 39 states "provide a maximum degree of

effective and regular postal service to rural areas, communities, and small towns where post offices are not self sustaining" and prohibits the USPS from closing a post office solely for operating at a deficit. This is my belief that when the figures are all down and the final analysis will show our argument is worthy of every consideration.

As Mayor of Glenwood, I do not want to see the post office closed. It is the heart of our small town and when it is gone, what will there be left?

Glenwood would probably will become a route served from Luverne. With the added boxes the present carrier cannot possibly serve her present route and Glenwood too. Add the cost and measure your decision carefully. Absolutely no reason for closing Glenwood Post Office, Glenwood, Ala. 36034.

Thank you for every consideration shown us.

*Sam Jackson, Mayor
Glenwood, Al. 36034*